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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA DEFINES ROLE  
OF POLITICAL COUNCIL

1. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH FRENCH JOURNALIST, REPORTED BY OFFICIAL  
LAO PRESSE JUNE 18, PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA STATED  
THAT THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL COUNCIL (JNPC) "HAS NO LEG-  
ISLATIVE POWER WHATSOEVER." SOUVANNA ADDED THAT THE JNPC'S  
ROLE IS SIMPLY CONSULTATIVE AND THAT, WHILE IT CAN MAKE RECOM-  
MENDATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION  
(PGNU), THE PGNU IS FREE TO EITHER ACCEPT OR REJECT SUCH  
RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. SPEAKING OF SOUPHANOUVONG'S 18 POINTS, WHICH HAVE BEEN  
SENT BY THE JNPC TO THE PGNU FOR APPROVAL, SOUVANNA STATED  
THAT CERTAIN CHANGES IN TERMINOLOGY ARE IN ORDER. HE CITED,  
FOR EXAMPLE, THE LAST POINT EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL  
LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AND SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO  
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SIMPLE EXPRESS "SUPPORT FOR PEOPLES WHO SEEK TO WIN THEIR

LIBERTY AND INDEPENDENCE."

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